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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am lucky to have competitive choices when deciding upon an internet provider. We here in Sonoma County, CA have, in addition to the large providers like Verizon and AT&T, an excellent local, competitive provider, Sonic.net. Because I have a choice of providers, companies seeking my business compete to provide the best service. Capitalism thrives with-competition. The market works because of competition. Small, local providers like Sonic need access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. Reducing access to these needed service elements does nothing for the consumer. It only enriches large corporations and reduces our choices. This is downright un-American!

Thank you,

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